

Wilmington, Delaware  
April 18, 2013

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Sponsor:

Council  
Member  
Walsh

Co-Sponsor:

Council  
Member  
Prado

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wilmington (the "City") is prohibited by State law from governing certain matters within its boundaries such as the number and placement of non-profit group homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of non-profit entities in the City are funded, licensed and regulated by the State of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, non-profit group homes are exempt from City of Wilmington property tax and therefore receive a variety of City services without annual contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, crime, vagrancy and neighborhood destabilization have become serious issues in the City due in part to the proliferation of non-profit group homes; and

**WHEREAS**, although many non-profit group homes are properly managed, other agencies are poorly managed and have placed an additional burden on City residents and City public safety and administrative services; and

**WHEREAS**, many recipients of services provided by non-profit group homes in the City are non-residents and have never before lived in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that this Council urges the Governor of the State of Delaware and the Secretary of Health and Social Services to issue a moratorium on funding any additional newly created non-profit group homes within the City of Wilmington, and further recommends that a more stringent review process be adopted for all existing group homes currently funded by the State of Delaware.

Passed by City Council,  
April 18, 2013

Attest: Maribel Seijo  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 2013.

Thomas P. Carney  
Assistant City Solicitor

**\*Note Amendment: Before the word moratorium insert  
six months**